

on each Arm of the *Balance*, are moveable from one Notch to another.

*E*, A Weight, to be hung upon the Arm *C* at *F*, to add to the Weight of the too-much extended Side, as Occasion requires.

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**VIII. A Letter from Sir Tho. Mostyn, Bart.  
to Roger Jones, M. D. F. R. S. concerning  
a golden Torques found in England.**

*SIR, Gloddesth, Dec. 27. 1741.*

*Read Jan. 28.  
1741-2.*

I Have received the Favour of your Letter, wherein you desire to be informed of the Particulars of my *Torques*. I wish I were able to give you a better Account, but have never seen nor heard of any Remarks made upon it, or any Account where it was found, but I think it was in this County. It is a Wreath of Gold, weighing, as near as I can judge, nine Ounces. I believe it is without Alloy, being very pliable; it answers exactly *Virgil's* Description, *En. V. 558 and 559.*

*Pars leves humero pharetras: it pectore summo  
Flexilis obtorti per collum circulus auri.*

It being joined here with the *Pharetra*, and being very proper for carrying a Quiver, inclines me to think, that the *Gauls*, from whom the *Romans* took it, used it for that Purpose; but among the latter it seems to have been worn as an Ornament, rather than a thing of Use. There are several Passages in the

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Historians, which mention its being given as a Reward for military Service. It is sometimes described as a Chain consisting of several Links; but mine is all one Piece, without any Link or Joints, and takes its Flexibility from the Pureness of the Metal.

I doubt not there are many Gentlemen of the SOCIETY, who can give a better Account of the *Torques* than I can. If, for your own Satisfaction, you have a mind to be further informed of the Use of it among the Antients, you may, I believe, find it in a Treatise written by one *John Schefferus, de Antiquorum Torquibus*, which is printed in *Grævius's Collections*, but I have not the Book here.

I have not forgot the Oil or Scum which floats on the Sea about *Midsummer*, and will endeavour to have some saved the next Season.

I am, Sir,

*Your most humble Servant,*

Tho. Mostyn.

IX. *A Letter from Benj. Cooke, F. R. S. to Peter Collinson, F. R. S. giving an Account of the Fire-ball seen Dec. 11. 1741.*

*Newport, in the Isle of Whight, Jan. 25. 1741-2.*  
 Dear SIR, *Read Jan. 28. 1741-2.* I Did not see the *Phænomenon* (the Fire-ball seen Dec. 11. 1741.) you mention\*; but a Gentleman of my Acquaintance was

\* See in this *Transaction* p. 1.